

Enterprise Architecture Standard

Desktop Operating Systems Standard

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Introduction

The purpose of the Desktop Operating Systems Standard is to define the operating systems to be used on personal computing systems within the California state government. A standardized desktop operating system will reduce the use of disparate operating systems and reduce costs associated with licensing and maintenance which will further the intent of Government Code 11545(b) (3) which is to minimize overlap, redundancy and cost in state operations by promoting the efficient and effective use of Information Technology (IT).

Standard Requirements

The standard desktop operating systems for the State include the following from Microsoft:

Current:

- Windows Vista
- Windows XP

Emerging

- Windows 7

Authorities

Section 11545 of the Government Code (b) The duties of the State Chief Information Officer shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following: (2) Establishing and enforcing state information technology strategic plans, policies standards, and enterprise architecture.

Implementation

The desktop operating systems standard is to be used for desktops, laptops, and tablet PCs. With the deployment of all personal computing devices all aspects of security and protection of data and the physical equipment must be adhered to.

Exceptions to this EA Standard may be submitted to the by following the "OCIO EA Compliance Component Instructions" in the Statewide Information Management Manual Section 58A Enterprise Architecture Developers Guide.